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July 14, 2003

#### VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Joe Werner Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37238

RE:

Complaint of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC against

Ben Lomand Communications, Inc.

TRA Docket No. 03-00331

Dear Mr. Werner:

This firm represents Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC ("Citizens") in the above referenced matter. The purpose of this letter is to respond, on behalf of Citizens, to your letter of July 2, 2003 requesting certain information related to this case.

Citizens is happy to provide whatever information the Authority staff would find helpful in advising the Directors as to the merits of this case. We hope you find our answers below, prepared by Mike Swatts, to be responsive.

We hope that the Authority will convene a contested case in this matter in the near future. In light of the Directors' decision last week to hold in abeyance Citizens' petition in Docket No. 03-00211, we are concerned the Authority may contemplate delaying consideration of the allegations contained in Citizens' complaint in this matter. As I have testified before the Directors, Citizens would welcome the consolidation of this case (Docket 03-00331) with BLC's complaint against Citizens (Docket No. 02-01221).

Turning now to your specific inquiries:

1) Provide specific examples, including customer names, of non-tariffed special promotions offered to customers and potential customers in the Sparta and McMinnville areas.

Since the time BLC began offering service in Citizens' service territory in early 2000, Citizens has monitored filings at the TRA related to special promotions. It is Citizens' understanding that BLC, like Citizens, must gain approval from the TRA before offering any special promotion such as a waiver of Non Recurring Charges (NRC). In BLC's initial mailing to our McMinnville and Sparta customer base in early 2000, the postage paid business reply card (Exhibit #1) indicated, "There will be No Charge to change to us or to add a new line at this time." This mailing implies that all related installation charges were being waived. However, Citizens saw no evidence of a BLC filing with the TRA for approval to waive NRCs.

Attached are examples of subsequent special promotions (Exhibit 2) offered by Ben Lomand. Although the examples are not specific to McMinnville or Sparta, our employees determined through calls to BLCs business office that these promotions were, in fact, extended to BLC customers in McMinnville and Sparta. Those employees have signed affidavits (Exhibit 3) attesting to the fact that this information was relayed to them by BLC customer contact representatives on more than one occasion.

It was not until after Citizens filed its complaint on 5/8/03, against BLC that BLC filed a "Summer Waiver 2003 Program Promotion" request with the TRA to become effective 7/1/03 under tariff number 2003696 (Exhibit 4). Citizens has reason to believe this is BLC's first special promotion filing at the TRA since it entered the McMinnville/Sparta market even though it has offered numerous and ongoing special promotions to customers.

BLC's failure to comply with TRA requirements has resulted in a distinct competitive disadvantage to Citizens. Each special promotion offered by Citizens was filed with the TRA giving BLC 30 days advance notice that we were offering a special promotion. However, BLC engaged in offering special promotions without Citizens having the same advance notice or the TRA having knowledge of the promotion.

Since the TRA has not yet convened a contested case regarding Citizens' complaint against BLC, Citizens does not have the ability to seek discovery regarding unauthorized special promotions. However, Citizens feels that such discovery would produce the specific examples and numerous instances where BLC has failed to seek proper advanced approval for special promotions it has conducted over the past several years in McMinnville and Sparta.

2) Provide specific examples of situations where, without permission, BLC used Citizens drop wire and cabling to provide service to a customer. Include dates, locations and customer name in specific incidents as well as a discussion of steps taken by the two parties to remedy the situation.

On March 14, 2002, Citizens met with BLC representatives regarding this issue. BLC failed to take any corrective action or provide a response. On May 2, 2002, Citizens notified

BLC's Legal Department in writing (Exhibit 5) that BLC was engaging in various activities which constituted willful and intentional trespass. The letter also demanded that BLC immediately cease and desist these activities. On May 22, 2002, Citizens received a letter from BLC's legal counsel indicating "we are convinced that BLC's practices and actions are in compliance with all applicable rules, regulations and law." The letter further stated that "the claims and allegations that have been made by ...are most likely reflective of the competitive pressures on individual operating personnel [Citizens employees] who may not be familiar with the applicable FCC rules and the relevant sections of the interconnection agreement." The letter went on to state "that the claims made by Citizens constitute harassment intended to distract BLC's resources from its competitive endeavor." Citizens did not respond to the letter because it was obvious that resolution would have to come from an independent third party whether it be the TRA or the courts.

Exhibit 6 provides specific locations where BLC has engaged in this unlawful activity.

In BLC's June 11, 2003, Answer and Motion to Dismiss, they pointed out two instances where Citizens had used the property of BLC. This was the first time these issues were brought to Citizens' attention. Citizens has since corrected those two situations. Citizens is requesting that BLC make corresponding corrections.

Should you have any questions or require anything further a this time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Guilford F. Thornton, J.

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(If you have any questions, please call us at 507-0581.)

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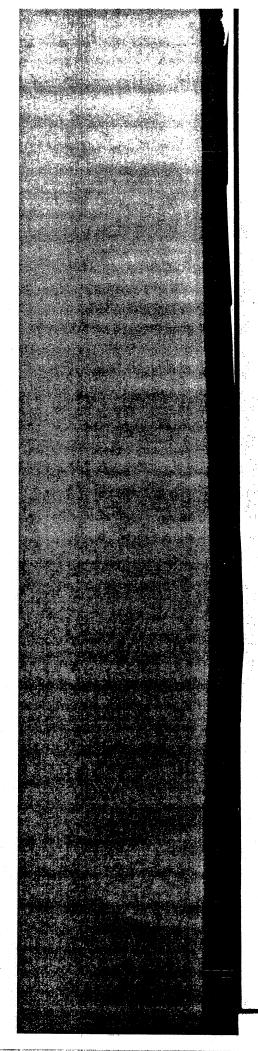
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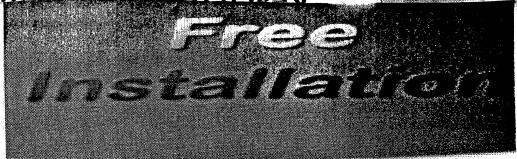


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The Undersigned, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. I, JOHN BAYLESS, am LOCAL MANAGER of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC (the "Company"), a limited liability company that is duly organized and validly existing under the laws of Tennessee and qualified to do business in said state as a local exchange telecommunications carrier.
- 2. During the month of OCTOBER I contacted the Ben Lomand Communications (BLC) business office in McMinnville, Tennessee to inquire about special promotions being offered to customers of BLC. I was told by BLC's representative that special promotions are available to BLC's Competitive Local Exchange Carrier customers in McMinnville and Sparta.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of

October, 2002.

Notary Public 50 Thu 19, 2005

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STATE OF TENNESSEE	)
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The Undersigned, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I, MIKE STEAKLEY am DORETTOR of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC (the "Company"), a limited liability company that is duly organized and validly existing under the laws of Tennessee and qualified to do business in said state as a local exchange telecommunications carrier.

2. During the month of <u>Cotobes</u> I contacted the Ben Lomand Communications (BLC) business office in McMinnville, Tennessee to inquire about special promotions being offered to customers of BLC. I was told by BLC's representative that special promotions are available to BLC's Competitive Local Exchange Carrier customers in McMinnville and Sparta.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>73</u> day of October, 2002.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of October, 2002.
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**EXHIBIT 4** 

## **Tariff Information Report**

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Tariff	Docket	Company	Date		
Number	Number	Name	Proposed	Caption	Comments
2003694		XO Tennessee, Inc.	06/30/2003	TARIFF TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT RENEWAL PROMOTION	
2003695		AT&T Communications	06/30/2003	TARIFF TO EXTEND 2 PROMOTION	
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2003696		Ben Lomand	07/01/2003	SUMMER WAIVER 2003 PROGRAM	
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2003698		BellSouth	06/30/2003	PROMOTION FOR ANY CUSTOMER	PROMOTION 6/30/03
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May 2, 2002

Legal Department Ben Lomand Communications, Inc. 1111 Smithville Hwy McMinnville, TN 37111

RE: Unlawful Trespass

Dear Sir or Madam:

I represent Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC. It has come to our attention that Ben Lomand Communications is engaging in the following activities:

- Disconnecting, splicing into and misappropriation of our entrance cable and all our terminal block, wire and other equipment at the location of the building terminal in a business building complex.
- Disconnecting, splicing into and misappropriation of our drop wires to serve multiple residential customers.
- Disconnecting, splicing into and misappropriation of our underground drop wire serving a business customer.
- Misappropriation of our house cable in a shopping center on the telephone company side of the relevant network demarcation points.

We believe that these activities constitute willful and intentional trespass and conversion. In none of these cases has BLC asked for permission, offered compensation or in any way offered any justification whatsoever for its flagrant disregard of Citizens' property rights.

Frontier met with Ben Lomand representatives on March 14 to bring this matter to your attention. We were hopeful you would take immediate remedial action. However, after six weeks Ben Lomand has taken no corrective action or provided any feedback to us. We are disappointed that Ben Lomand has not been more responsive to what we consider a very serious violation of property rights.

This letter is demand that BLC immediately cease and desist these activities. In particular, Citizens demands that BLC immediately cease use of Citizens' network facilities and return these facilities to Citizens' use and control. If this situation is not corrected within 30 days, we reserve our rights to initiate regulatory and/or civil proceedings against BLC including, where appropriate, the imposition of significant punitive damages for willful misconduct.

Very truly yours

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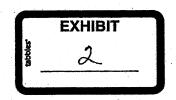
Mr. Gregg C. Sayre
Associate General Counsel
Frontier
180 South Clinton Avenue
Rochester, N.Y. 14646-0700

Dear Gregg:

This letter is written on behalf of Ben Lomand Communications, Inc. ("BLC") and follows-up both the correspondence you sent to BLC on May 2, 2002 and my voice mail message to you. At the ourset, I want to reiterate what I indicated to you in my phone message: BLC has not willfully or intentionally utilized any facility or property of Citizens in any manner that is inconsistent with the terms and conditions of the existing interconnection agreement between the companies and all applicable rules, regulations, and law

The claims of wrong-doing made against BLC by local staff members of Citizens prompted an internal review of all related service provisions by BLC to ensure that the practices and actions of BLC staff and service representatives were not in error. Your letter to BLC prompted a call to our office to review and discuss the relevant FCC rule sections regarding demarcation points in a mutiunit premise within the context of the serious allegations raised by Citizens. In connection with that discussion, we also reviewed and discussed with BLC § 3.5.10 of the interconnection agreement between BLC and Citizens ("Access to the Network Interface Device").

During our discussion of this matter, the representatives of BLC presented the factual scenarios related to the specific instances that were the subject of the claims raised by Citizens' staff in their calls to BLC. Based on our understanding of the facts, the applicable FCC rules and the effective interconnection agreement, we are convinced that BLC's practices and actions are in compliance with all applicable rules, regulations and law. Nonetheless, both BLC and we agree that we may be unintentionally mistaken or unaware of a fact that would change our analysis.



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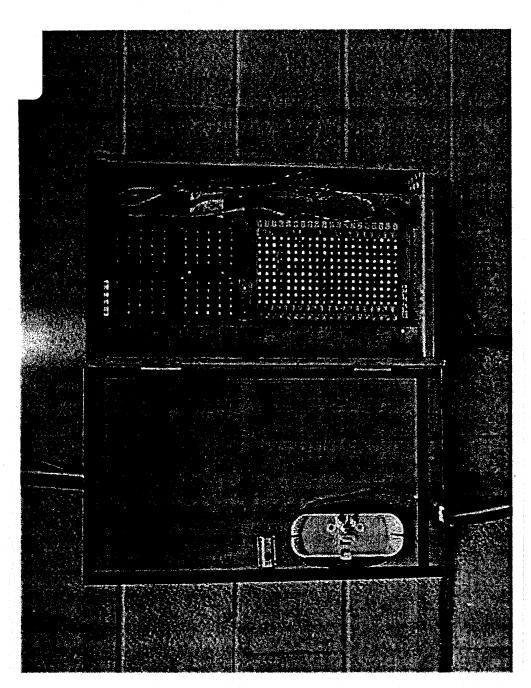
BLC believes, however, that the claims and allegations that have been made by your company's local staff are most likely reflective of the competitive pressures on individual operating personnel who may not be fully familiar with the applicable FCC individual operating personnel who may not be fully familiar with the applicable FCC individual operating personnel who may not be fully familiar with the applicable FCC individual operating personnel who may not be fully familiar with the applicable representatives believe that the allegations and claims made by Citizens constitute harassment intended to distract BLC's resources from its competitive endeavor. Accordingly BLC respectfully asks that you review the matter with your staff and provide a description of any specific circumstance where, after your review, you still believe that BLC has in any way acted contrary to applicable rules, regulations, law and the pertinent sections of the interconnection agreement between the parties.

In the event that BLC is incorrect in its analysis in any way or with respect to any instance, BLC stands ready, willing and able to act promptly to remedy any specific concern brought to its attention. Please let me know at your convenience the results of your review in order that we might discuss how best to resolve this matter between BLC your review in order that we might discuss how best to resolve this matter between BLC and Citizens fully and in a mutually satisfactory manner without the necessity of formal processes, if possible.

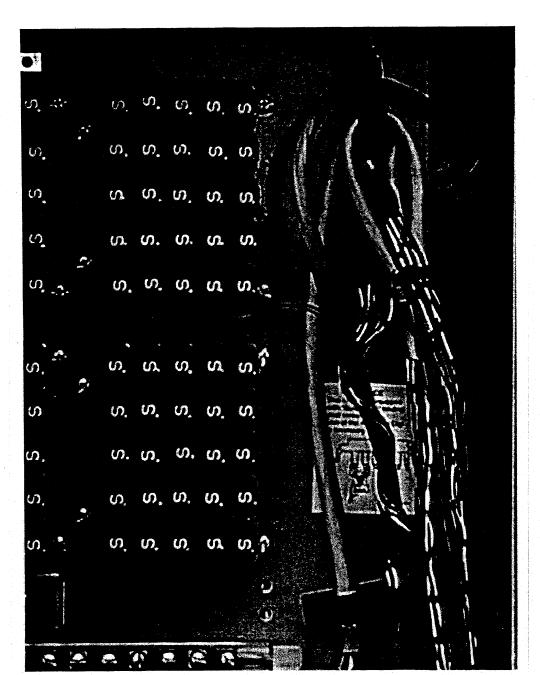
Sincerely,

Stephen G. Kraskin

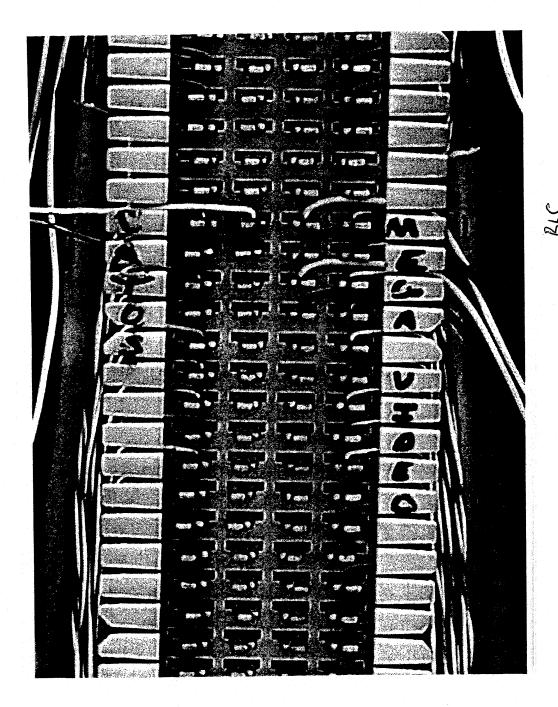
cc: Mr. Levoy Knowles



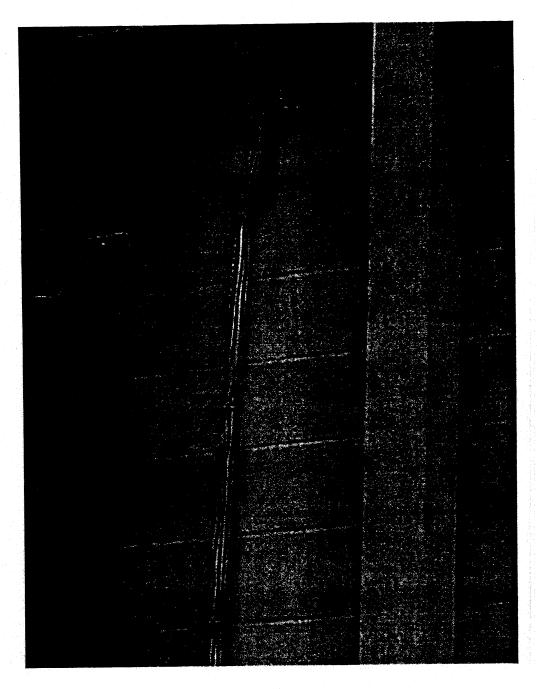
This shot shows a BLC terminal with three 25 pair house cables running into it, one of which belongs to Citizens Communications that had been cut off and redirected into their terminal.

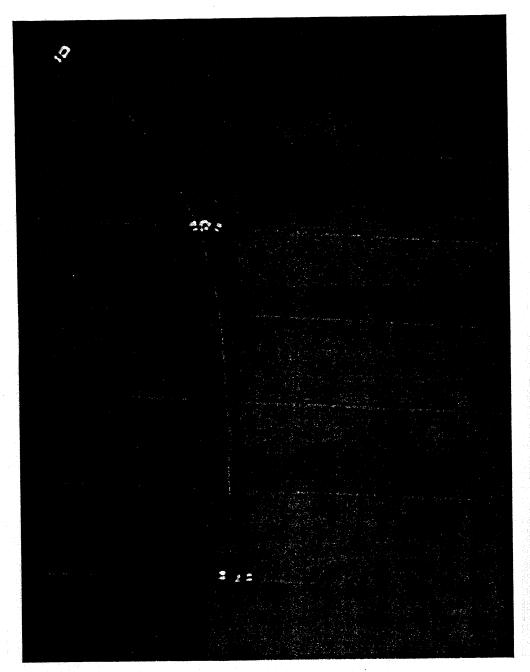


This is a shot of the same terminal that shows Citizens Communications 25 pair cable "gray" inside BLC terminal.

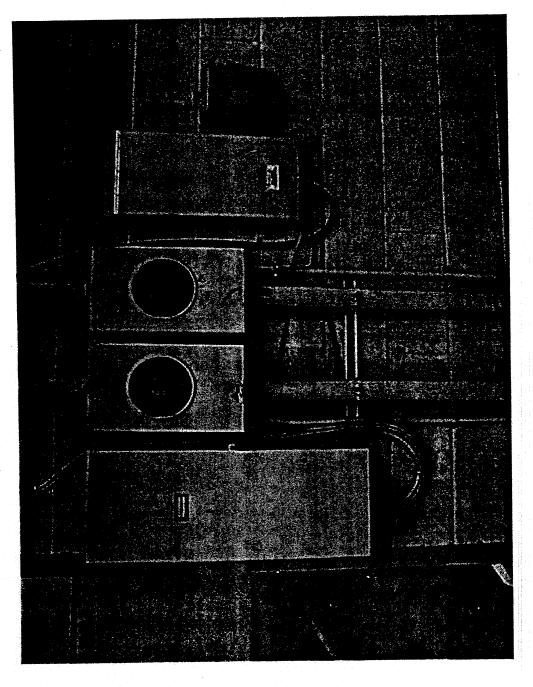


 $\mathcal{BLC}$  This shot shows Citizens Communications 66E Blocks with customer names.

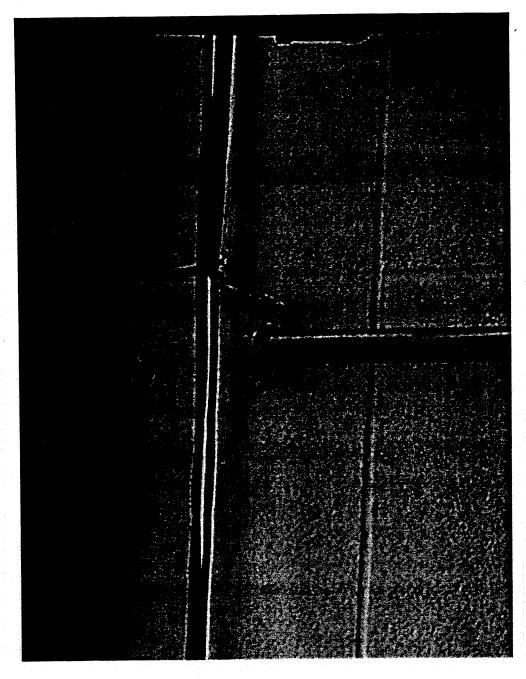




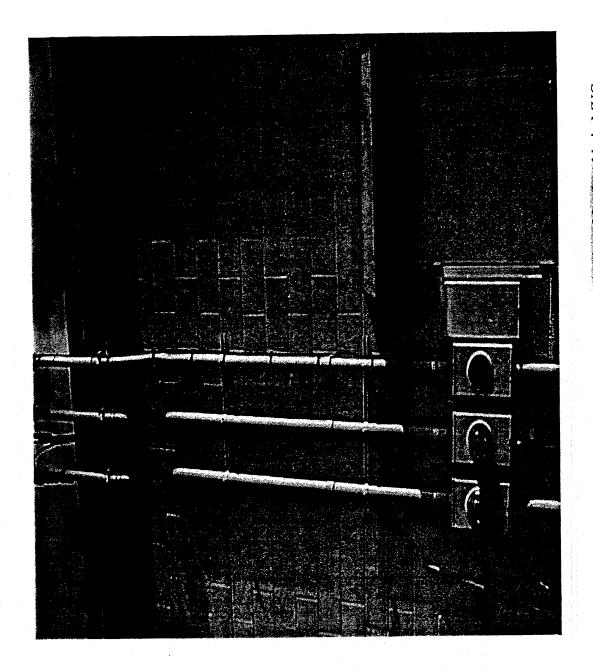
This shows two other Citizens Communications cables that have been cut off and are now running down tied to BLC cable into BLC terminal.



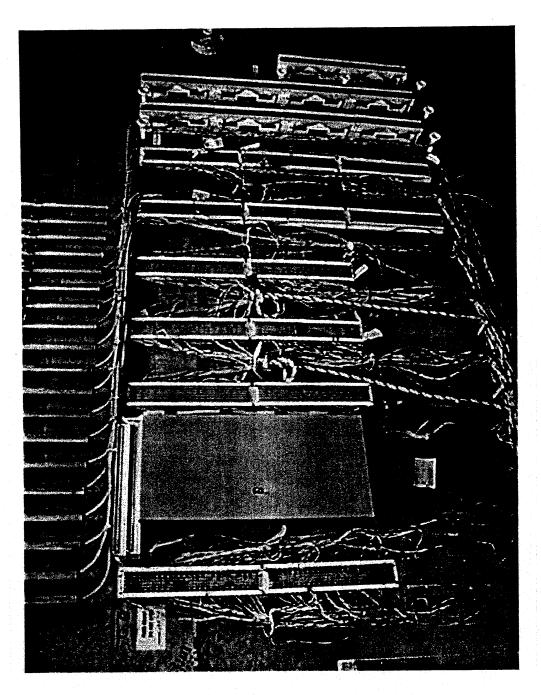
BLC terminals side by side with a Citizens Communications 25 pair cable redirected This shows yet another location at this Mall that has Citizens Communications and into the BLC terminal.



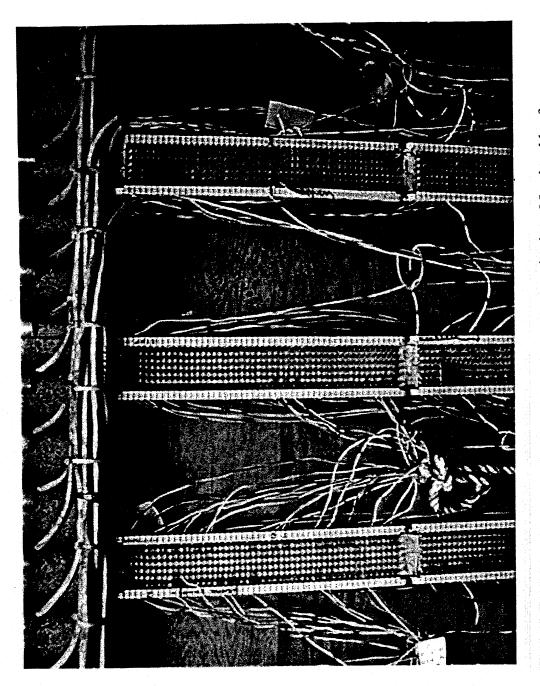
This shot shows one of the Citizens Communications 25 pair cables that BLC becaute off and taped up after redirecting the other end to their terminal.



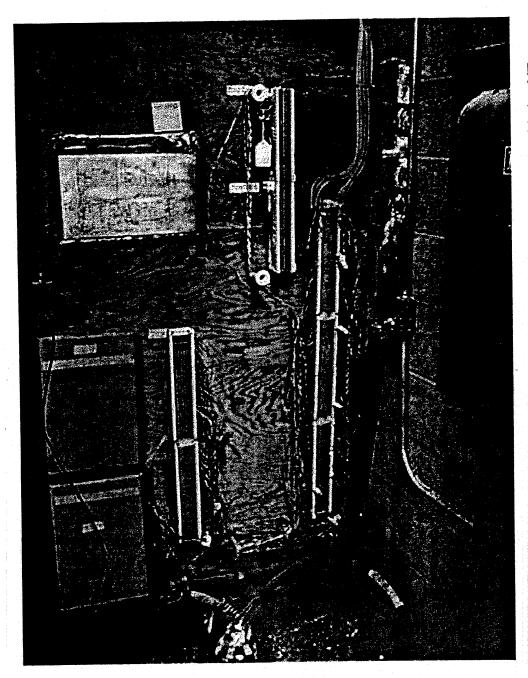
This shot shows the other end of the Citizens Communications 25 pair cable in MVC-101.JPG running down a mast pipe into a BLC terminal.



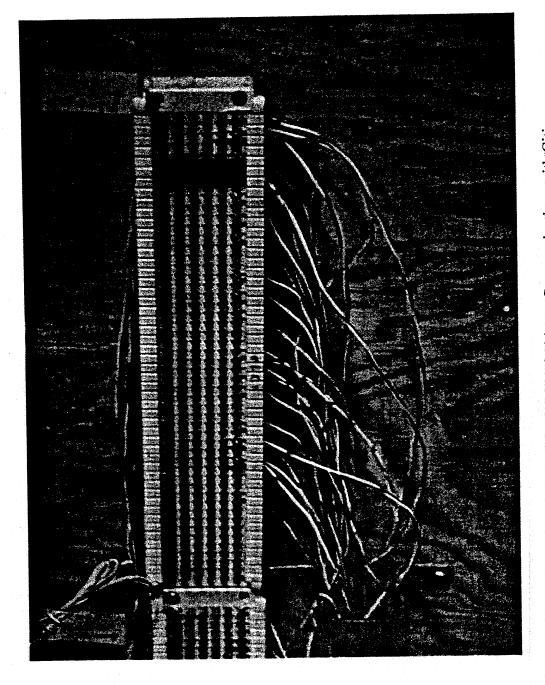
This shot is at the Kmart Mall and shows the 66E blocks that Citizens communications 25 pair cables are terminated on. It also shows the multiple Citizens Communications cable and conduits running to customer locations within the Mall.



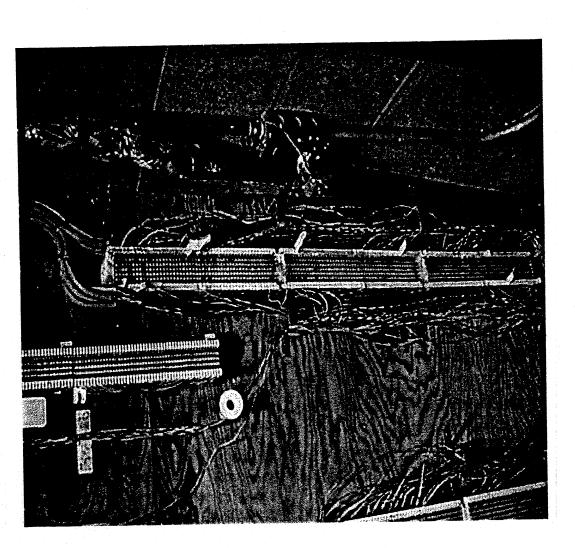
conduits with Citizens Communications jumpers and BLC jumpers running to Citizens. Second shot of the same area showing Citizens Communications 25 pair cables from

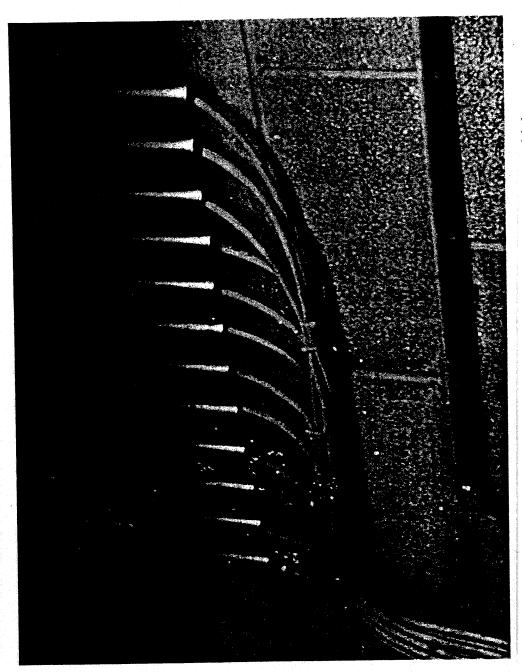


Shows Citizens communications 25 pair cables in another part of the Mall with the 66E blocks.

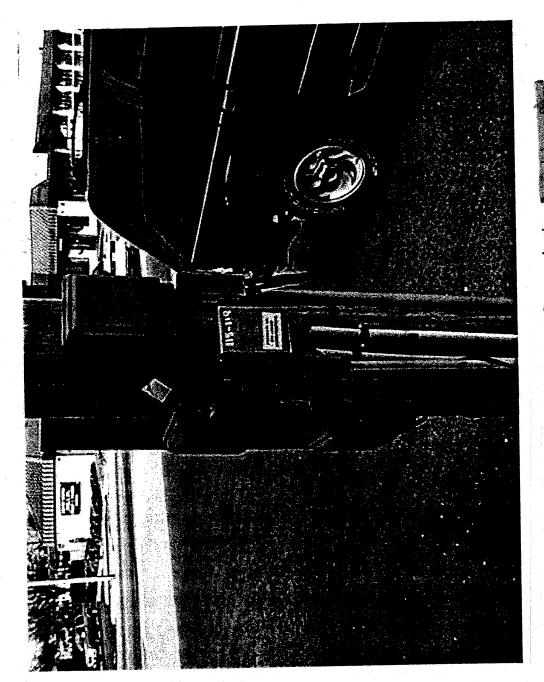


Shows a closer shot of the 66E blocks of Citizens Communications with Citizens Communications jumpers in Red and BLC jumpers in blues

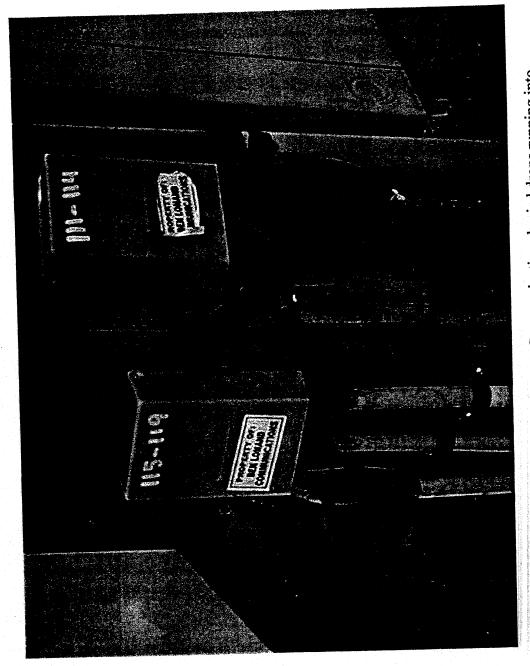




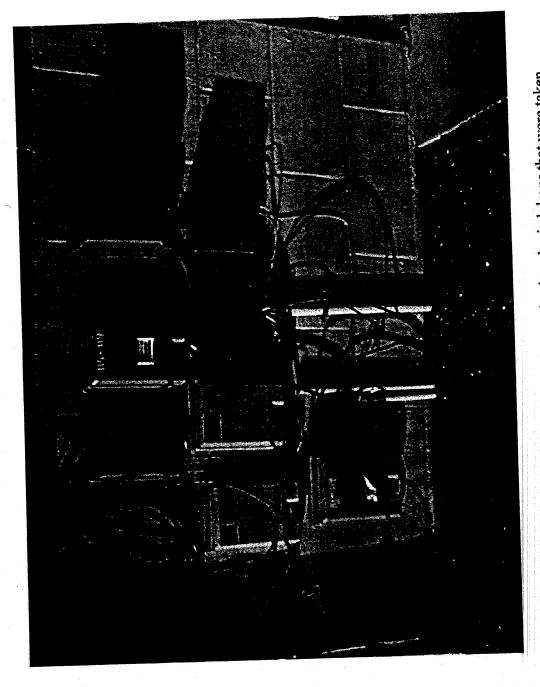
Shows Citizens Communications 25 pair cables and conduit running to multiple locations in the Mall.



This shot is at a location that BLC took Citizens Communications buried drops from our terminal and placed them into theirs



Same shot at MWC 018 showing Citizens Communications buried drops running into BLC terminals.



This is another in the right Citizens Communications buried drops that were taken out of our NIDS and moved to BLCs.

